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**VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
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Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, High Cost Universal Service  
Support  
CC Docket No. 96-45  
WC Docket No. 05-337

Connect America Fund  
WC Docket No. 10-90

National Broadband Plan  
GN Docket No. 09-51

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On September 29, 2010, the undersigned, on behalf of the Puerto Rico Telephone Company, Inc. ("PRT"), met with Commissioner Meredith Attwell Baker. We discussed the Commission's recent *Sixth Broadband Deployment Report* and the finding that more Americans without access to broadband live in Puerto Rico than in any other U.S. state or territory. I explained that the exceedingly poor population on the island made deployment of broadband in Puerto Rico generally uneconomic in most areas without federal funding. I noted that the company has offered two solutions to this problem, both of which are pending before the agency: (1) the establishment of a non-rural insular fund for high cost loop support, as requested in a petition for reconsideration in WC Docket No. 05-337; and (2) a pilot program for funding broadband deployment in insular areas, which PRT proposed in its comments in response to the Connect America Fund NOI/NPRM in WC Docket No. 10-90. I urged the Commission to move forward swiftly with either or both of these alternatives to enable the people of Puerto Rico to access telecommunications and information services currently enjoyed by most Americans in the mainland U.S.



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Please direct any questions regarding this filing to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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